

Remarks

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-14 under 35 USC 112 and for not harmonizing with United States Practice. Accordingly, Claims 1, 3, 5, 9, 11 and 14 have been amended to overcome the Examiner's rejection. In particular, Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly describe the invention disclosed in the present application requiring "that the other code parts are one or more sliding parts in the form of a code rack, or a sleeve which is moved in a linear fashion or one or more code wheels." Entry of the Amendments, and favorable consideration thereof is earnestly requested.

Applicant acknowledges that the Examiner indicated that claim 1-14 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the 35 USC 112 rejection. Applicant notes that no limitations from the claims as originally filed have been removed in this amendment, and accordingly, that Claims 1-14 are in condition for allowance.


Claims 15 – 17 have been added to more particularly define embodiments of the present invention. New Claims 15 – 17 include all the limitations of Claim 1, and are therefore too in condition for allowance.

Further, paragraph [00043] of the specification has been amended to overcome the Examiner's objection.

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Response to Official Action

For the reasons described above, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending Claims, Claim 1-17 are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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